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Report of the 2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 11 November 2004.

2. The Conference was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

3. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States: Albania, Algeria, Belarus, Bhutan, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Croatia, Djibouti, Estonia, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam. The Observer Mission of the Holy See was also represented.

C. Election of officers

4. At its meeting on 11 November, the Conference elected by acclamation the following officials:

President:

Eduardo Sevilla Somoza, Nicaragua (Latin America and Caribbean Group)

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Vice-Presidents:

Crispin Grey-Johnson, Gambia (African Group)
Kazuo Sunaga, Japan (Asian Group)
Ilir Melo, Albania (Eastern European States Group)

D. Documentation

5. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Draft report of the 2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme (A/CONF.209/2004/L.1);

(b) Background note on the World Food Programme.

E. Announcement of pledges

6. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to the Programme and took note of the fact that, while several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions, they proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.